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In order to evaluate the performance of its higher education institutions, the Ecuadorian higher education system has adopted research quality assurance policies. Despite their widespread use, little is known about the ways in which these policies have been adopted at the institutional level. My research investigates how research offices in the Public Regional Universities in Manabí (Ecuador) implement Research Quality Assurance Policies. This is a qualitative study based on a Case Study design. The data will be collected using semi-structured interviews with the administrators in charge of implementing the National Quality Assurance Policy in Manabí's Regional Universities. The results of this study could provide input to administrators and policymakers to match the implementation of Quality Assurance Policies with the local needs of Regional Universities in Ecuador.